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**DETROIT MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM  
AND DRUG CHARGES**

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Kenyoda Holmes, 21, of Detroit, pleaded guilty yesterday before United States District Judge Thomas E. Johnston to being a felon in possession of a firearm and distribution of a quantity of heroin. On November 6, 2010, Holmes was arrested in the Charleston Town Center Mall by police officers with the Charleston Police Department on outstanding warrants from Kanawha County Magistrate Court. During a search incident to arrest, officers located a Markarov 9-millimeter firearm with one bullet in the chamber and a fully loaded magazine in the defendant's pants. At the time the defendant possessed the firearm, he had been convicted of a felony offense in Wayne County Third Judicial Court in Detroit on or about April 12, 2008 and had not petitioned to have his rights to carry a firearm restored. On January 7, 2011 detectives with the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team utilized a confidential informant to make a controlled purchase of heroin from the defendant. Holmes admitted that he agreed to sell the informant a quantity of heroin in exchange for \$150. The defendant further admitted to meeting the informant at the Fruth Pharmacy located in Charleston, where he sold the informant a quantity of heroin in exchange for \$150.

Holmes faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine when he is sentenced on July 21, 2011.

The Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team conducted the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Monica Dillon is in charge of the prosecution.

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